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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Yuji SATO et al.

Group Art Unit: 2625

Application No.: 10/661,500

Examiner: M. MILIA

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For: IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS AND PROGRAM PRODUCT FOR USE IN THE APPARATUS

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In reply to the January 28, 2008 Office Action, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested in light of the following remarks. Claims 1-18 are pending in this application.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 5, 6, 11, 12, 14 and 18 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent No. 7,143,141 to Morgan et al. (hereinafter "Morgan") in view of U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0024686 to Uchiyama et al. (hereinafter "Uchiyama"). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 11 call for a switching unit configured to cause an image formation requesting unit to operate when judging that content data is not suitable for capabilities of a LAN terminal. Claims 14 and 18 call for a similar switching unit and claim 12 calls for a requesting unit with similar features.